

FRESH FACTS ABOUT WICHITA RESERVATION

Peery Tells How the Work of Allotting Land Progresses

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will not compare with Canadian county, but there are valleys here equal to any country in the world in the fertility of the soil. In fact much better than any land in Canadian county, yet we must concede that nearly all this choice land will be allotted. Of course there will be not and then a quarter section or a fraction of rich bottom land left, but if a man does not know where it is he would be at a loss to know where to stop in a race for land as he would stand ten chances to one in getting on Indian or school land. Nearly all the brakes between the creeks are rough, sandy land overgrown with scrubby black jack and post oak timber, with more wood in the roots than on top of the ground. There is a large percent of the land in the south and east part of the reservation, yet occasionally a fine prairie glade is found containing two or three sections of level prairie land that is really first class and will raise anything that can be grown in this country. Many of our readers know that there are some fine stretches of prairie land in the north and northwest part of the reservation. The great body of good land is on the Washita river. There has been some farming done here in different places for the past thirty years and there is no record of there having ever been a failure of corn, and the average crop exceeds 40 bushels per acre. The trouble is, from the standpoint of a white man, that all this land is allotted.

Allotting Lands.

All three of the allotting crews are in the field and at work, but I have not seen them yet, although I see their work every day. Judge Kirkpatrick and his corps is camped on Cobb creek, in the west part of the reservation. Lew Hornback, editor of the Minco Minstrel, is the surveyor for this outfit. I understand that the Minstrel man has struck it rich and will probably retire from literary pursuits and will be at home to his friends on a fine claim in the east part of Washita county. In running the line Mr. Hornback found that the line of the C. and A. country was about a half mile further east than was formerly supposed, leaving some fine land in Washita county subject to homestead entry, and he at once entered upon and occupied nearly, if not quite, a quarter of very fine farming land. One or two other members of the party have gotten land too, I understand.

Mr. Perry, the disbursing agent of the force, has his outfit camped on Keechi creek, a tributary of Sugar creek, and about twelve miles above my camp where I am writing.

Judge Musseler, the other agent, is camped on Buggy creek less than twenty miles from El Reno and he has allotted nearly all the Indians on the Washita west of the mouth of Stinkin' creek.

The Rock Island surveyors are in the field sectioning the land and establishing new corners. They pay no attention to the old survey, but usually vary from 100 to 200 yards from the old survey in establishing corners, so we are told.

The allotting agents certainly want to do the square thing with the Indians, and to allot every one that can be raked and scraped up. In fact I heard of places where they leave a tract of 160 acres for an expected event. When the Indians have no improvements only 80 acres are allotted on the valley. I am told, and the other 80 must be taken on the hill for grass lands.

The allotting agents are pushing the work, and I believe it will be ready for settlement by the first of August.

Several of my friends in El Reno know that I had considerable trouble with the span of mules that I am driving before I left there. I am glad to state that the mules and myself are fast becoming good friends, yet I fear that I do not enjoy their full confidence, and I am sure they don't enjoy mine.

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Call issued by Chairman Robert J. Ray.

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At an informal meeting of a few Democrats in the city of Guthrie on the 6th day of March, 1901, it was the consensus of opinion that the formation of a Democratic club, composed of active Democrats from all parts of the territory, with permanent headquarters and open club rooms at some central point, would be of material assistance in the upbuilding of the Democratic party of the territory.

A temporary organization was effected and a committee appointed to advise some plan of organization. That committee agreed, that with an annual membership fee of ten dollars, such a club organization could be perfected and permanent club rooms maintained, and recommended that a meeting of the Democrats of the territory be called for that purpose.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the recommendation of the committee a meeting of all the Democrats of the territory, who feel interested in the perfection of such an organization, is hereby called to be held at Oklahoma City on the 18th day of June, 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m.

R. J. Ray, Chairman.
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(All Democratic papers of the territory, please copy.)

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The statement of Russia's policy has been made simultaneously with her official declaration, that while maintaining the present temporary situation in Manchuria in order to preserve peace, the imperial government is content to calmly await events. It is declared virtually that Russia has kept steadily in view the fact that in sending her troops into China no hostile intent was entertained toward China; on the contrary their presence was for the purpose of rendering effective aid of the government of China in its struggle against the insurgents.

The note is a lengthy review of diplomatic developments, beginning with the steps taken by the powers to seek an understanding of the alarming occurrences in China last year.

INDIANS HOLD WAR DANCES.

Chippewas Threaten Trouble for Minnesota Logging Companies.

Scripps-McRae Press Ass'n.

Park Rapids, Minn., May 14.—A Pine Point merchant on the White Earth Indian reserve has just reached here and confirms the report that the Indians are congregating at Round Lake with the avowed intention of preventing the removal of the logs banked there unless there is a rescinding. They have held several war dances, and while they are not hostile to the white settlers, who are not likely to be troubled in the event of an outbreak, they threaten trouble for the logging companies and the government unless they get the rescinding they demand.

Captain W. A. Merch, Indian agent, is expected to arrive tomorrow. The Indians claim they have been robbed by the logging companies, which have cut quantities of green timber under the "dead and down" act. Special Agent McComas, it seems, has promised a rescue, and unless this is granted there will be trouble.

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